

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N. BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
MINUTES  
03-28-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

**DAY OF PRAYER**

Tammy Acree, Women Aglow, asked the Board to allow the Day of Prayer to be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 on the Courthouse Steps at noon. They have been allowed to hold it at the Courthouse every year. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**CLERK**

Tawna Leffel, Clerk, and Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, followed up with the Board regarding the special election for Oak Hill School Corporation. Once the Voter Registration Board adopted the voting place for the Special Election, it could not be changed.

Commissioner Francis requested that they make the information regarding the voting site for Jackson 1 and 2 well known so there will not be any confusion for the voters.

**IT**

John Powell, IT Director, informed the Board that AT&T currently charges the County \$2,900 a month for services and the new contract will be \$3,200 a month. He has contacted US Signal who quoted him \$1,495 a month for the exact same services. Mr. Powell requested permission to switch the County to US Signal. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow as long as we don't lose any services we currently have. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Judge Banina, Judge Spahr, Barb Hiers and Mr. Powell also discussed the CSI contract with the Board. The payment of this contract is questioned every year because it is the software for the Courts. Judge Spahr and Judge Banina both said their budgets have been cut drastically and this was not budgeted in their budgets. Judge Banina said he could possibly put in \$1,000 and Judge Spahr said he would look at his budget to see if he could put any in. The Board also spoke with Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer and she will look to see if she can help at all.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, informed the Board that he has received questions regarding the cost of a kennel license and the \$5 per dog fee. The Board and Mr. Roberts will need to review/revise the ordinance.

Mr. Roberts received a request for information from the Board concerning Rails to Trails from the US Attorney.

The Auditor, Clerk and Mr. Roberts met regarding a tax sale property that had some issues. Mr. Roberts, with the permission of the Commissioners, will contact all parties to resolve the issues. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Mr. Roberts proceed. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis asked Mr. Roberts about the insurance on the Rural Transit building that is being constructed. Since the building will belong to the County and leased back to Rural Transit, can it be in the agreement that the Rural Transit program pay for the insurance. Mr. Roberts felt that could be stated in the agreement.

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that the Personnel Policy is being re-typed. There were some conversations about those departments outside of the Courthouse which might have different hours or different situations that might need to be addressed in addendums to the policy. He will have a rough draft to review soon.

#### REQUEST FOR ROAD BLOCKAGE

The Commissioner received a request from the Miami Correctional Facility to utilize a small portion of County Road 800S during the Miami Correctional Facility's Breakout Run/Walk on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

#### MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the claims and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

#### TREASURER

Treasurer Becky Morris updated the Board on the new equipment that will process the tax bills in house. Part of the machine will be here by the 1<sup>st</sup> and the other part will be by the 8<sup>th</sup>. Training on the equipment will take place the following week. Mrs. Morris has ordered the supplies needed to print the tax bills and they should be here next week. The plan is to have the bills in the mail by April 25th.

It was decided that Mrs. Morris will be in charge of the machine and will bill each department that uses it.

#### PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM

Tim Hunter informed the Board that the panic button system will be installed Thursday. Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor, said he would pay \$6,500 and the City will be billed for their portion. The County will pay the balance from Cum Courthouse.

#### SOUTH DOOR

There is still an issue of the south door of the Courthouse not closing completely from the freezing and thawing. A sign will be put on the door referring the handicap to the North door until the South door is fixed.

#### PAYROLL CORRECTION

Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the correction to the payroll. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director, brought in corrected paperwork for the Hanger 200 project. The previous paperwork just said Miami County and it was changed to Miami County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow Chairman Boyer to sign the paperwork. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Tidd informed the Board that he would like to request an extension for submitting bid documents and designs for the OCRA grant. They are due today but Mr. Tidd asked the Commissioners to sign the letter for an extension. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow Chairman Boyer to sign. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

There should be a draft of the Wind Ordinance this week.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:30. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### RECESS

#### BACK IN SESSION

There was discussion regarding two memos submitted by Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, regarding an auxiliary lane on Business 31 and work to be done on Bridge #152.

RECESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL ISSUES

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

Ken Einselen sent a memo to the Board of Commissioners regarding adding an access lane Willow Creek Drive. The Board will take a look at it.

Commissioner Boyer asked Mr. Einselen which Bridge is worse, #152 or #54 (Butler Bridge)? The Board will talk to the Highway Department and find out what it would take and how long it would take if we did it within our department.

Commissioner Francis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**C. Craig Boyer**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**H. Jon Faust**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Joshua Francis**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**